FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Thursday last week, we had a new relief teacher, Ms Maslin, as Ms Siddins was away. She is a teacher from New Zealand and has recently moved to Australia. Ms Maslin complemented us on the behaviour and willingness of the students to follow instructions. That is always great to hear!

We were madly practicing our play on Friday ready for the rehearsal and filming on Tuesday. We filmed Scene 1 and 2 and next week will be Scene 3 and 4. Students need to practice their lines for this and it is part of homework. This is very important if we are to complete our movie.

This Friday we will be going to Toowoomba to see James and the Giant Peach. We are all looking forward to this as shows at the Empire Theatre have always been great for the children. We leave the school at 9.00am and arrive back at approximately 4.00pm. Students need to bring their own morning tea, but lunch will be provided (McDonalds).

Judy Angel

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Student of the Week has been awarded to Michael Wright.

Our school rule awards are:

- Respect for Yourself – Cody Perkins
- Respect for Other Students and Staff – Annabelle Taylor

Congratulations to Michael, Cody and Annabelle on receiving their awards.

P&C

The P&C is holding a pie drive as a fundraiser. Order forms were given out and are due Tuesday 5 June, with payment.

The next general meeting will be held on Monday 16 July at 8.45am.

ARTS COUNCIL

On the 28th May, an Arts Council performance entitled “Unplugged” was held at the school. All the students, staff and some parents who joined us enjoyed the performance. Photos are included below.
SCHOOL WEBSITE
Please have a look at our new school website. (http://www.warrass.eq.edu.au) The website went live from 24 May and is updated each week. Our newsletter is uploaded to the website and can be located under Publications on the lower right hand side.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
The students are busily performing their routines for their Jump Off day on Monday 18 June. Family and friends are invited to come along and support the children and join us for a shared morning tea following the Jump Off.

WARRA SS ATHLETICS
On the 21st June, we are going to run a athletics morning for our students. Parents, friends and relatives are welcome to attend and cheer the students on.

After the holidays, on Wednesday 25 July 2012, it is our small schools cluster Athletics Day.

Venue: Chinchilla State High School
Time: 8:45 am – 2:30 pm
Chief Judge: Lachlan McKensey
Program: Organised by Burra Burri State School

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2012
Keep bringing in your cards full of stickers. Another card is attached to this newsletter. Happy Shopping!

TEACHER AIDE BOOST FOR PREP CLASSES
There will be more teacher aides employed in Queensland’s Prep classrooms from next year. The $54 million program will enable the equivalent of a full-time teacher aide to be employed in 600 Queensland state school classes over the next four years.

The first 154 classrooms in 107 schools have been selected and will have the extra teacher aides available from the start of the 2013 school year.

Prep enrolments at the start of the year will determine the exact allocation of teacher aide hours to the selected schools. The first 107 schools are listed online at www.education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/employee/teacheraide/prep-teacher-aide.html

PERSONAL GOAL SETTING
Goals are a way of committing yourself to a course of action; goals get you to where you want to be. Successful people will tell you that they got to where they are by setting clear goals and then making a plan to get there.

Goals come in all shapes and sizes, from small, knowledge-based things like learning your times tables, to big, knowledge-based things like becoming a doctor. You can also set ‘people’ goals like becoming more confident or being a better friend. Goals can be short term (eg. daily, weekly), medium term (eg. monthly, yearly), or long term (eg. yearly, 5 year, life time). It’s good to have short, medium and long term goals to work towards, but you don’t have to have your whole life mapped out. You just need to have some idea of what you want to do and where you want to end up!

Whatever your goal, you must also have a plan of action and some timeframes about achieving this plan.

This way you can keep track of your progress and make modifications if required. Your goals may also change over time as you become more focussed and gain a better understanding of what things you need to do in order to achieve it.

As you move through life some goals become obsolete as circumstances change, (a chance meeting opens up a ‘door of opportunity’ you didn’t expect) and you will create new goals as you become clearer about what you want to achieve. You may also find that ‘life’ will at times get in the way of your goals. This is normal and you need to be prepared to modify your goals or temporarily put them on hold.

It's not all about achieving the goals you set. While there is a great feeling and a sense of accomplishment when you achieve one of your goals, there are also some great benefits to be gained from all the hard work you have encountered while achieving a goal. All the challenges, gains, setbacks and triumphs along the way to success, make your life interesting and fun and build that solid base of ‘life experience’ that helps make you a resilient and optimistic person.

It is important to set goals that you are in charge of; remember you can’t control other people or events. “I am going to win the lottery”, is a goal that you cannot be in charge of, unfortunately! However, a goal like “I am going to improve my swimming ability”, is something that YOU can control.

You need to be aware of “Goal Crushers”. These are family or friends who say negative things about your goals. They probably don’t mean to be ‘goal crushers’, but they say negative things about your goals (eg. That’s silly or it’s way too hard) to try and protect you from failure; they don’t want to see you hurt.

Remember the old sayings:

“If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.”

“Success is getting up one more time than you fall.”

“Don’t be afraid to go out on a limb, that’s where the fruit is.”

“Obstacles are things a person sees when they take their eyes off their goals.”

E.Joseph Cossman

PHYSICAL FITNESS
At Warra SS we value the promotion of an active lifestyle. All students are encouraged to participate in activities that get the heart racing as well as getting the body moving.

Recent research has outlined that children are becoming less likely to be active, and together with an inappropriate diet, this can lead to weight issues, as well as a decrease in self-esteem and confidence. As teachers, we are aware of the importance of promoting both a healthy diet as well as an active lifestyle within our curriculum.
Our Physical Education program encourages students to participate in active sessions, working at their own level. Students are taught skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and are then provided with opportunities to practice and consolidate these. Skill sessions are balanced with games that promote the fun of being involved, as well as giving students a chance to put their new skills into practice. As students get older, the skills are linked to major games such as netball and cricket.

Students then have the opportunity to participate in sport sessions where aspects such as team play and good sporting behaviour are promoted and enhanced.

We value the fact that all students are different. Not all of us will become elite sportspeople and be able to demonstrate flawless skills. Our curriculum focuses upon the ‘having a go’ nature of active living, as well as setting your own personal goals to achieve.

As parents, it is important that you encourage your child to always participate in school events. By supporting their efforts and celebrating their own personal improvements or goals, you are assisting them to seek out an active lifestyle where they can succeed at their own level.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
The Warra Race Club will be holding their next race meeting on Saturday 30 June.

Markets will be held at the Warra Memorial Hall on Saturday 9 June from 8am to 12 noon.

**Jandowae Timbertown Cricket Coaching Clinic**

Geoff Dymock (former Australian Bowler) will be in Jandowae for the 2012 Timbertown 20/20 Bush Bash (Sunday 10 June). He has kindly offered to run a FREE coaching clinic for the kids before the game (9.30am), Please contact Amelia Wood if you are interested in participating on 0408 263 542 or email ameliavikki@hotmail.com

*RSVP is a must: Friday 8th June*

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